

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner (R-AL) today made the following statement after President Bush announced that additional disaster assistance would be made available to Alabama:

“I commend President Bush for making these additional funds available to the state of Alabama.

Many of our state’s smaller municipalities had been forced to carry an undue burden of the financial responsibilities associated with the clean-up of Hurricane Katrina.

“Hurricane Katrina was one of the most devastating natural disasters in our nation’s history, and this additional funding will enable Alabama’s local communities to complete their recovery from this storm.”

The president’s order increased the federal share for public assistance projects, including direct federal assistance, to 90 percent of total eligible costs. This excludes the assistance already approved for 100 percent federal funding.

The increase is retroactive to August 29, 2005, the date of the president’s major disaster declaration for the state of Alabama.

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